(*b*) & (*c*) No formal enquiry was conducted by Government. The situation was brought under control by the joint efforts of the Magistracy and the Police.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether no proper enquiry was instituted because the situation was brought under control?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: By the intervention of the Magistracy and the Police they were able to find out more or less the reasons which caused the strikes and by persuation they were able to come to an understanding. Therefore it was not found necessary to have another enquiry.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: What were the chief reasons?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Increase in wages, alleged victimisation of some of the members of the union because they had joined the union.

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know the terms of the settlement that was arrived at with regard to the strike in the A. D. Cotton Mills, Quilon?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The management promised to look into the matter of the increase in the wages.

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the terms were agreed to?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The factory was closed after the strike and it was only recently opened. We are not aware of what has happened since.

Labour Disputes.

245. ***MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of labour disputes in Quilon, Alleppey and Manavalakurichi:

(i) in 1113,

(ii) in 1114;

(*b*) the number of strikes that took place in the said three places with the names of the factories; and

(*c*) the steps taken for the settlement of the strikes?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS:

	Quilon.	*Alleppey.*	*Manavalakurichi*
(*a*)			
1113	Nil.	Nil.	1
1114	5	1	Nil.
(*b*)	Two strikes at Quilon, the factories concerned being:	One strike at Alleppey the factories concerned being:	One strike at Manavalakurich in the Travancore Minerals Company.

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(1) A. D. Cotton Mills. (2) India Nut Company., Ltd.	1. Alleppey Company. 2. Aspinwall & Co. 3. Bombay Co. 4. Coir Yarn & Textiles. 5. Darragh Smail & Co. 6. Madura Co. 7. Pierce Leslie & Co. 8. Volkart Bros. 9. William Goodacre & Sons. 10. Empire Coir Works. 11. Modern Agency. 12. General Supplies Agency. 13. S. Pitchu Iyer & Sons. 14. Coir Floor Furnishing Co. 15. George Peter & Co. 16. Gangadhara Iyer & Co. 17. Kerala Coir Manufacturing Co. 18 Kunchacko & Co. 19. E. Bout & Co. 20. Calleghan's Coir Works. 21. Eastern Produce Co. 22. Commercial Emporium. 23. E. T. Adima & Sons.	
(c) Amicably settled by the intervention of the District Magistrate.	The employers and the labourers came to a mutual settlement among themselves.	Amicably settled by the District Magistrate.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether the Director of Industries has inspected any of these factories?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I have inspected some of them.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know how many he has inspected?

MR. C KUMARA DAS: I have inspected three and the Inspector of Factories has inspected half a dozen.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: How many factories are there.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: There are about 30.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether Government is aware of the unhealthy conditions in which the labourers are working?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know what steps have been taken by Government to remedy the defects?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: A preliminary enquiry has been made and Government are considering the question of remedying the defects.

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